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SUBJECT: CURRICULUM VITAE OF GERHART RUDOLF BAUM, NEW
FRG INTERIOR MINISTER

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1. BAUM WAS BORN IN DRESDEN ON OCTOBER 28, 1932. HE STUDIED LAW IN COLOGNE, EARNING HIS DOCTORATE IN LAW IN 1957 AND PASSING IN 1961 THE SECOND OF THE TWO STATE EXAMINATIONS IN LAW REQUIRED FROM APPLICANTS FOR FRG SENIOR LEGAL SERVICE.

2. A MEMBER OF THE FDP SINCE 1954, BAUM SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GERMAN YOUNG DEMOCRATS (JUDO'S) FROM 1966 TO 1968. SINCE 1968, HE HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE FDP FOR THE COLOGNE DISTRICT. FROM 1969 TO 1973, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COLOGNE CITY COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FDP CAUCUS THERE. HE HAS BEEN AN FDP BUNDESTAG

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DEPUTY FROM NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA AND PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY IN THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SINCE 1972.

3. BAUM HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FDP NATIONAL DIRECTORATE SINCE 1966. HIS REPUTATION AS A CENTER-LEFT MEMBER OF HIS PARTY RESTS LARGELY ON HIS WORK IN

DEVELOPING THE FREIBURG THESES, ADOPTED AT THE FDP CONVENTION IN 1971, AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE "PERSPECTIVES COMMISSION," WHOSE DOCUMENTS WERE DEBATED AT THE FDP'S 1977 CONVENTION IN KIEL.

4. BAUM IS MARRIED, WITH THREE CHILDREN. REPORTEDLY, HE FAVORS NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT AND IS ALSO INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.

5. BAUM'S LAST U.S. VISIT WAS IN 1977 AS AN IVP GRANTEE. HE HAS BEEN A CLOSE AND HELPFUL CONTACT TO THIS EMBASSY FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
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